

Annual Advent Reflection



Set aside 30 or more minutes to do this annual reflection. If you are in a group setting consider reading aloud the Credo attached

Take time to review your year month by month. Jot down whatever stands out to you, whether they are big moments or small details. One very helpful way to spark your memory is to simply scroll through your camera photos one month at a time. As you reflect, be honest, but let your heart also dwell on the things you're grateful for from the Lord.

Where have you been and where are you going with Jesus?

Finish by praying, then choose a word or phrase that best captures the essence of each month and highlight or title it in your notes. See if a pattern emerges, or a strong sense of God's leading. Worship God with what you have to offer and thank Him for the year.

January

February

March

April

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May

June

July

August

September

October

November

December



John 10:9-11 NLT

Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures. The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep.



Advent Credo

Credo Adapted from Allan Boesak 1984

Italics indicated for leader to read and **bold indicates all respond*

It is not true that creation and the human family are doomed to destruction and loss—

This is true: For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction—

This is true: I have come that they may have life, and that abundantly.

It is not true that violence and hatred should have the last word, and that war and destruction rule forever—

This is true: Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, his name shall be called wonderful councilor, mighty God, the Everlasting, the Prince of peace.

It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil who seek to rule the world—

This is true: To me is given authority in heaven and on earth, and lo I am with you, even until the end of the world.

It is not true that our hopes for liberation of humankind, of justice, of human dignity of peace are not meant for this earth and for this history—

This is true: The hour comes, and it is now, that the true worshipers shall worship God in spirit and in truth.

So let us enter Advent in hope, even hope against hope.

Let us see visions of love and peace.

Let us affirm with humility, with joy, with faith, with courage:

Jesus Christ—the life of the world.